places in the wake of operation blue star in 1984 ;

(b) The number and rank of them who have been rehabilitated and discharged so far ; and

(c) Whether the work relating to their rehabilitation has been completed, if not by when it is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) to (c) Out of 2709 personnel of the Army, who were punished for various acts of indiscipline, including desertion, in the wake of Operation Bluestar (1984), 2297 personnel were retained in the Army. Of the remaining 412, 50 have been re-employed by the Government of Punjab and 240 have been offered employment by the Central Ministries and Public Sector Undertakings. One person is undergoing life imprisonment, on charge, of murder.

The names of the remaining 121 personnel have already been circulated to Central Government Departments, Central Public sector Undertakings etc. for providing suitable employment on preferential basis in relaxation of age limit, educational qualifications and Employment Exchange procedures.

Restriction on Buying personal Computers in Government Departments

480. SHRI RAGHAVJI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) Whether there is any restriction on buying indigenous personal computers in Government offices except with the permission and Department of Electronics or National Informatics Centre ; and

(b) If so, by when such a restriction is likely to be removed so that computerisation spreads faster with the use of indigenous personal computers as per the plans of respective Government Departments ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) There is no restriction on bying indigenous computers including personal computers, of value not exceeding Rs. 5 lakhs by the Government officers provided that the competent authority for the purchese of such computers shall ensure that the systems to be purchased is compatible with the system of National Informatics Centre (NIC), so as to facilitate transfer of information between their system and the NIC system.

(b) Does not arise.

Foreign Companies to invest on Electronics

481. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question No. 1624 given in the Raiya Sabha on September, 12, 1991 and state :

(a) whether the Department of Electronics have since indientified some foreign companies who are leaders in various areas of technology and who may be persuaded to set up manufacturing facilities in India so as to get the benefit of the latest technologies; and

(b) if so, what are the full details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND

PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Department of Electronics have had preliminary discussions with some foreign companies. This is an ongoing exercise in pursuance of the new Industrial & Trade policies of the Government. The Department have also circulated a list of the leading companies in electronics to the various state Governments with a suggestion that the State Government may contact them and attarct them to invest in their States.

Processing of fruits and vegetables

482. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the percentage of fruits and vegetables being processed in the country is very low as compared to other neighbouring countries of the region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have explored the export prospect of these items; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action being taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) and (b) Information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) APEDA under Ministry of Commerce has formulated a scheme for increasing the export of processed foods.

Cold storage facilities ot airports

483. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY :

SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI :

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to set up cold storage facilities at the airports in the country to facilitate export of freshfruits and vegetables etc. and

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The scheme is intended to be implemented through Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) who have already got a study done on requirements of infrastructural facilities at airports with respect to export of perishables.

बीयर निर्माण के लिये लाइसेंस

484. श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल : क्या खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हाल में सरकार ने बीयर का निर्माण करने वाली 110 फैक्ट्रियों को लाइसेंस जारी किये हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या अरब देशों में के बीयर की तेज मांग को देखते हुए निर्माण एककों द्वारा इसके निर्यात किये जाने संबंध में कुछ शर्तें रखी गई हैं ;